GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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IMPORT OF SPICES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India imports a large quantity of spices;

(b) if so, the details of such spices;

(c) the value of imports in dollars of spices during 2002-03;

(d) whether any efforts have been made to grow such spices in India;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI S.B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Major spices imported by India are Pepper, Garlic, Cloves, Cassia, Cardamom (Large) and Cumin.

(c) During 2002-03, the value of imports of spices was 118.94 million US$.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) It is constant endeavour of the Government / Spices Board to encourage and support farmers / growers to grow spices in the country. Major programmes implemented by the Government / Spices Board include production of quality planting material and its distribution, area expansion under various spices, replanting of uneconomic and diseased gardens, adoption / promotion of integrated pest, disease and nutrient management practices, irrigation and land development and transfer of technology through field demonstrations.

(f) Does not arise.